



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 395

LCO No. 1418

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR
CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-106 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (a) On January 1, 2006, and on each January first thereafter, the
5 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the unearned income
6 disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal
7 Supplemental Security Income Program by an amount equal to the
8 federal cost-of-living adjustment, if any, provided to recipients of
9 federal Supplemental Security Income Program benefits for the
10 corresponding calendar year. On July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter,
11 the commissioner shall increase the adult payment standards over
12 those of the previous fiscal year for the state supplement to the federal
13 Supplemental Security Income Program by the percentage increase, if
14 any, in the most recent calendar year average in the consumer price
15 index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar
16 year, provided the annual increase, if any, shall not exceed five per

17 cent, except that the adult payment standards for the fiscal years
 18 ending June 30, 1993, June 30, 1994, June 30, 1995, June 30, 1996, June
 19 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, June 30, 1999, June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June
 20 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, June 30, 2004, June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006, June
 21 30, 2007, June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June
 22 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, shall not be increased. Effective October 1,
 23 1991, the coverage of excess utility costs for recipients of the state
 24 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program is
 25 eliminated. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
 26 commissioner may increase the personal needs allowance component
 27 of the adult payment standard as necessary to meet federal
 28 maintenance of effort requirements.

29 (b) Effective July 1, [2011] 2012, the commissioner shall provide a
 30 state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal
 31 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care
 32 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]
 33 sixty-nine dollars per month. Effective July 1, 2012, and annually
 34 thereafter, the commissioner shall increase such allowance to reflect
 35 the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security income, if any. Such
 36 state supplement payment shall be made to the long-term care facility
 37 to be deposited into the personal fund account of each such recipient.
 38 For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term care facility" means a
 39 licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, a chronic disease
 40 hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an intermediate care
 41 facility for the mentally retarded or a state humane institution.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2012</i> | 17b-106 |
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the personal needs allowance for certain long-term care facility residents.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]